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Crop Report for the week of May 22, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have now seeded 71 per cent of the 2005 crop, ahead of the five-year (2000-04) average of 67 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest is the furthest advanced at 81 per cent and the northwest least advanced at 56 per cent. Only Crop Districts 1a in the southeast near Estevan and 9b in the northwest near Lloydminster report less than 50 per cent seeded.

A welcome rain delayed seeding operations and fieldwork in most areas of the province this past week.

With this rain, topsoil moisture conditions improved significantly in many areas of the province. Almost 82 per cent of reporters say that topsoil moisture conditions are adequate on crop land, compared to 64 per cent last week. Topsoil moisture on hay and pasture land is rated as adequate by 85 per cent of crop reporters, compared with 52 per cent last week. The rain is reported to have greatly improved pastures and hay crops.

A return to warmer temperatures with less wind will enable farmers to finish seeding and resume other fieldwork.

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Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 22/05	71
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	**67**
May 23/04	68
May 25/03	69
May 19/02	46
May 20/01	74
May 21/00	79

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 22/05	May 23/04
1a	48	31
1b	63	46
2a	76	49
2b	74	75
3an	76	68
3ase	77	50
3asw	74	28
3bn	75	77
3bs	89	69
4a	94	81
4b	96	95
5a	74	60
5b	69	62
6a	67	72
6b	70	78
7a	82	84
7b	73	86
8a	73	78
8b	70	82
9ae	69	76
9aw	64	70
9b	48	69
Prov.	71	68

1 Year Ago

Farmers had seeded 68% of the 2004 crop.

Southern regions of the province received up to 50 mm of rain which improved topsoil moisture conditions.

Cool weather continued to slow growth on hay and pasture land.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeast was rainy and windy during the past week. An average of 36 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from a high of 41 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2b to an average low of 26 mm reported in CD 3ase. The Montmartre area received 65 mm of rain. There is some concern that strong winds at the end of the week may have done some crop damage. Farmers are still assessing damage from the frosts to see if re-seeding will be necessary.

Seeding is reported as 67% complete, up from 43% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest ahead at 77% complete, while CD 1a reports 48% complete. Earlier seeded crops are emerging – and have been helped by better soil moisture and warmer weather.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 81% of reporters, up from 62% last week. The balance of the reporters rate crop land as having surplus moisture. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 83% of reporters, up from 55% last week. Pastures are finally starting to grow.

Wet, windy weather delayed field work this past week. There was some harrowing early in the week.

Localized shortages of fertilizer were reported in CD 1b, as were shortages of good quality flax seed.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest received rain showers last week but also had strong winds. An average of 26 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 14 mm reported in CD 4, to an average high of 37 mm reported in CDs 3an and 3bn. The Beechy area received 73 mm of rain. Strong winds caused soil drifting. The winds also caused damage to trees and roofs. The earlier frost did set back hay crops, as well as cause some damage to canola and flax crops in CD 3bn.

South western farmers have completed 81% of their seeding, up from 66% last week. Crop District 4b is furthest ahead at 96% complete, while CD 3asw is 74% done. Earlier-seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 89% of reporters, up significantly from 58% last week. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 74% of reporters, up from 36% last week. The majority of the short topsoil moisture areas are in CDs 3bs and 4, and these areas could use more rain. Pastures and hay land are doing much better after the rain. Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

Fieldwork was minimal last week due to cool temperatures, windy weather, and rain. Some spraying, chem fallowing, and summerfallowing was done.

The weeds are coming up after the rain, and some are having difficulty dealing with this flush because of emerging crops. Gophers continue to be damaging in CD 3bs. Grasshoppers are out in CD 4a and starting to do damage to some crops and tame hay fields.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

Much needed rain came to the east central region during the past week, along with some windy weather. An average of 44 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 42 mm reported in CD 5b, to an average high of 48 mm reported in CD 5a. The Ituna and Kelliher areas reported 82 mm of rain. Areas in CD 5a reported that heavy rain and winds flooded and blew leaves off some emerging crops. The heavy rain also packed soil.

East central farmers made good seeding progress with 70% complete across the region, up from 41% last week. Crop District 5a is furthest ahead at 74% complete, while CD 6a reports 67% complete. The rain has helped crop germination and emergence.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 67% of reporters, up from 49% last week. Twenty-eight per cent report a surplus of moisture. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 83% of reporters, up from 29% last week. Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

Fieldwork was halted mid-week due to wet, windy weather. More stubble was burned last week, and some spraying got done early in the week.

Weed flushes are becoming more pronounced. Flea beetle activity in early canola crops was reported in CD 5a.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

This past week, west central regions had showers and more seasonal temperatures. An average of 38 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 31 mm reported in CD 7a, to an average high of 42 mm reported in CD 6b. The Hanley area reported 71 mm of rain. Some emerging crops got buried with the rain. The alfalfa was hurt by the frost in parts of CD 7a.

West central farmers made good seeding progress with 75% complete across the region, up from 53% last week. Crop District 7a is furthest ahead at 82% complete, while CD 6b reports 70% complete. Early-seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop, hay and pasture land are rated as adequate by 93% of reporters, up from 65% last week. Pastures and hay lands have improved with the rain.

Farmers did get some spraying done, but many were held up with the wind and rain.

Weed growth is becoming plentiful.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Weather in the northeast was warmer with showers and winds this past week. An average of 28 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 21 mm reported in CD 8a, to an average high of 33 mm reported in CD 8b. The Bellevue area reported 43 mm of rain. Soil erosion was reported in CD 9ae.

North eastern farmers made the best seeding progress with 71% complete across the region, up from 39% last week. Crop District 8a is furthest ahead at 73% complete, while CD 9ae reports 69% done. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 84% of reporters, down from 95% last week. The balance of the ratings is in the surplus category. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by all reporters, up from 90% last week.

Reporters saw an increase in land sown to forage crops this spring.

Some spraying was done before fieldwork was halted due to wind and rain.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest had some warmer temperatures and some showers during the past week. An average of 37 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 33 mm reported in CD 9aw, to an average high of 40 mm reported in CD 9b. The Lashburn area reported 52 mm of rain. Excessive rain is causing some problems with crop emergence.

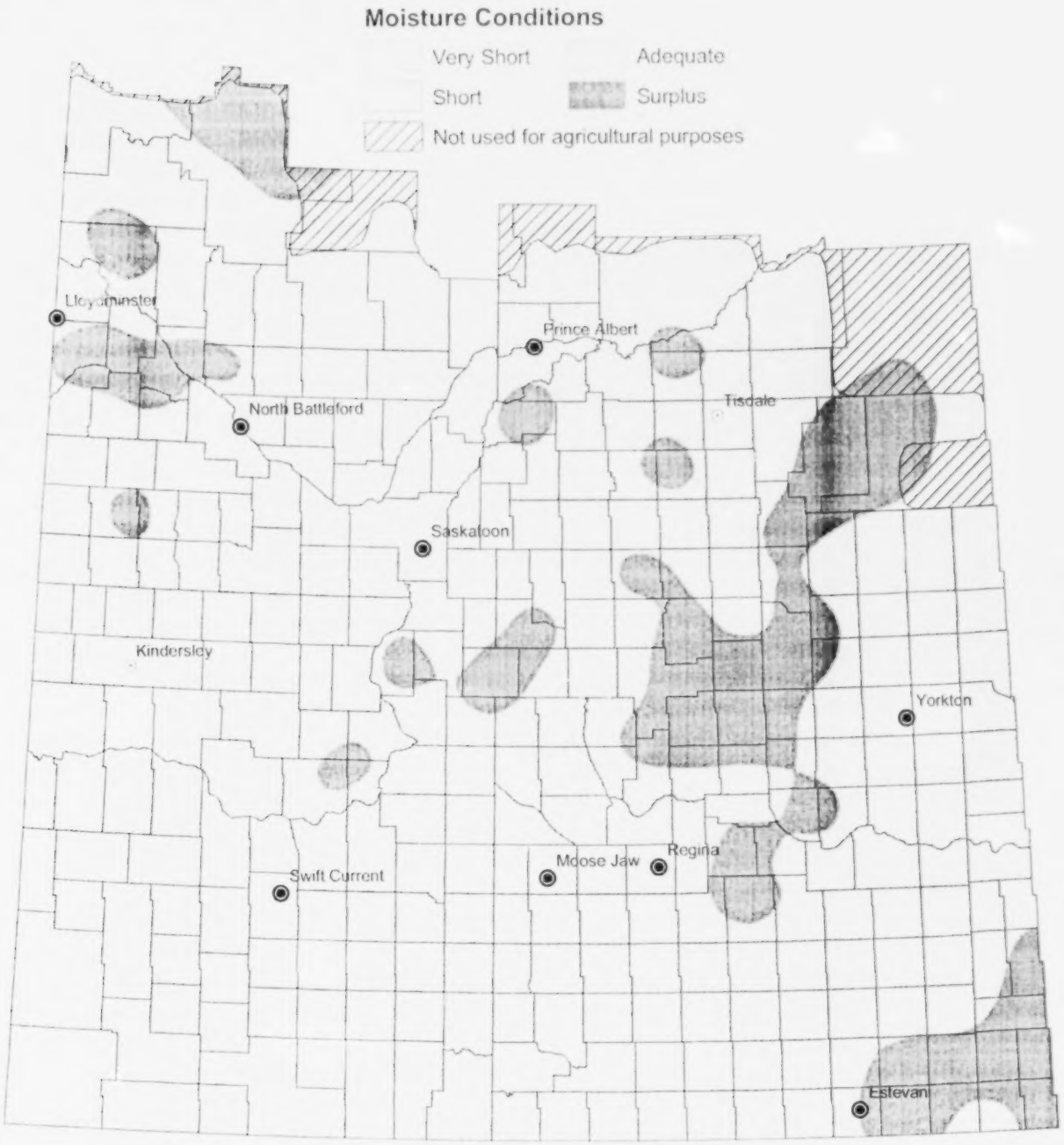
North western farmers have planted 56% complete across the region, up from 29% last week. Crop District 9aw is furthest ahead at 64% complete. Early seeded crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as adequate by 80% of reporters, down from 87% last week. The rest of the reporters rate moisture conditions as surplus. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as adequate by 90% of reporters, up from 80% last week. Cattle are being moved out to pastures.

Fieldwork was stopped by rain mid-week. Some farmers got some harrowing, spraying, and fertilizing done.

A shortage of good canola seed was reported in CD 9aw. Weeds are advancing rapidly.

Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions
May 22, 2005



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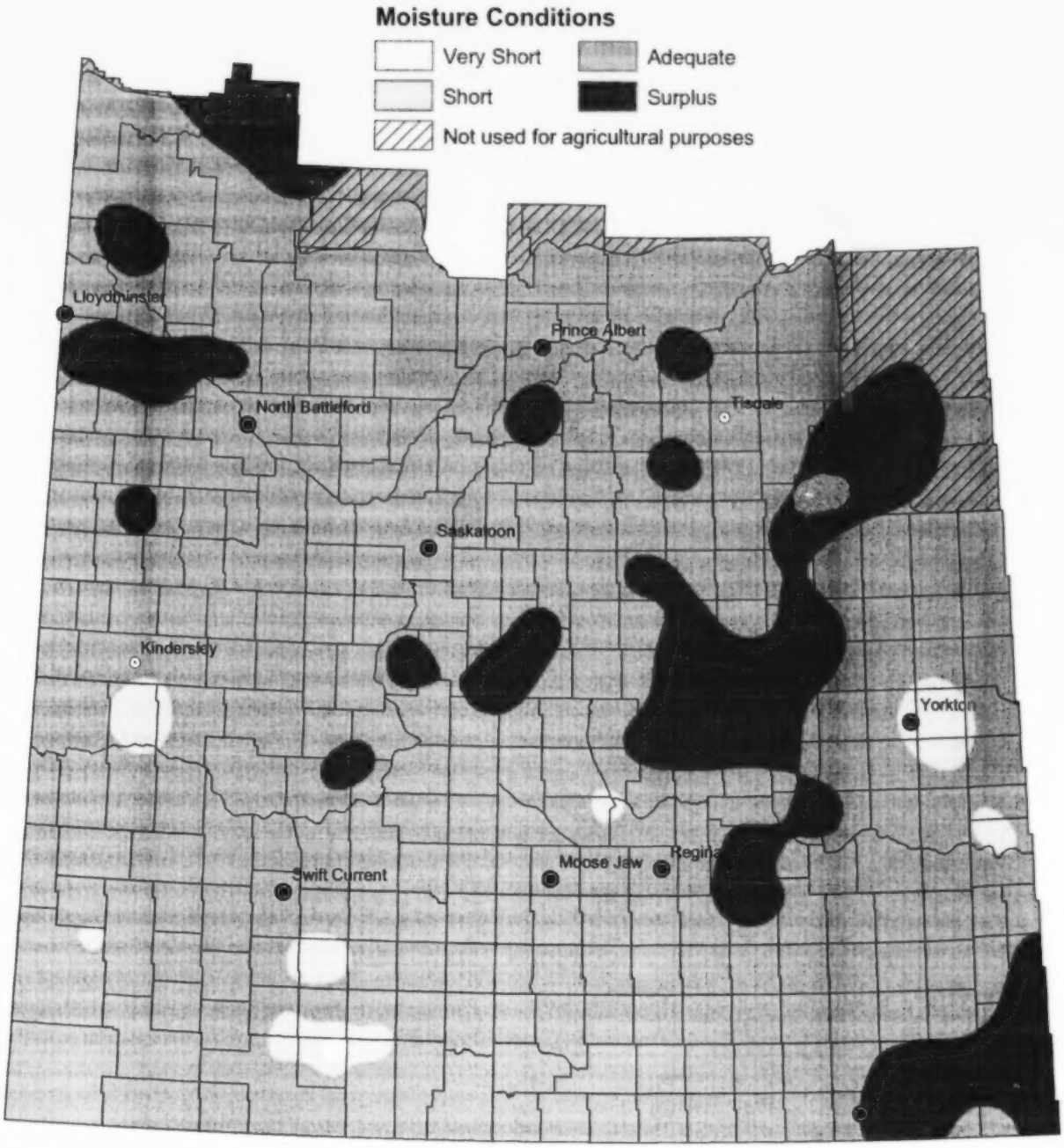

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 21, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	32	53
	2	Mount Pleasant	34	73
	3 B	Enniskillen	43	97
	32	Reciprocity	35	79
	33 A	Moose Creek	25	83
	34	Browning	39	68
	35	Benson	41	63
	63 A	Moose Mountain	35	66
	63 B	Moose Mountain	29	68
	64	Brock	47	75
	65	Tecumseh	43	54
1B	91	Maryfield	30	70
	92	Walpole	28	44
	94	Hazelwood	33	49
	95	Golden West	46	54
	123	Silverwood	48	55
	124	Kingsley	44	53
	125	Chester	32	37
	151 A	Rocanville	23	42
	151 B	Rocanville	25	35
	153	Willowdale	41	47
	154	Elcapo	38	38
	155	Wolseley	62	75
2A	36	Cymri	32	58
	66	Griffin	31	41
	67	Weyburn	29	47
	68	Brokenshell	33	52
	96	Fillmore	43	47
	97	Wellington	43	48
	99	Caledonia	36	81
2B	126	Montmartre	65	71
	127	Francis	53	63
	128	Lajord	30	30
	129	Bratt's Lake	23	48
	131	Baildon	25	53
	156 A	Indian Head	58	63
	156 B	Indian Head	54	63
	157	South Qu'appelle	59	124
	158	Edenwold	32	51
	160	Pense	30	40
	161	Moose Jaw	30	46
	191	Marquis	40	57
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	28	51
	9	Surprise Valley	21	38
	38 A	Laurier	35	71
	38 B	Laurier	30	71
	39 A	The Gap	15	44
	39 B	The Gap	26	68
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	24	36
	12	Poplar Valley	45	55
	40	Bengough	34	64
	42	Willow Bunch	39	75
	43 A	Old Post	42	58
	43 B	Old Post	31	40
	44	Waverley	26	42
	71 A	Excel	33	64
	71 B	Excel	19	53
	71 C	Excel	30	57
	73 A	Stonehenge	35	38
	73 B	Stonehenge	36	57
3AN	101 B	Terrell	12	31
	102	Lake Johnston	28	54
	103	Sutton	36	71
	104	Gravelbourg	35	45
	132	Hillsborough	33	51
	134	Shamrock	42	68
	164	Chaplin	45	51
	193	Eyebrow	45	76
	194	Enfield	54	76
3ES	17 A	Val Marie	19	46
	17 B	Val Marie	25	29
	45	Mankota	10	35
	46 A	Glen Mcpherson	36	46
	46 B	Glen Mcpherson	9	24
	75 A	Pinto Creek	8	23
	75 B	Pinto Creek	11	26
	76 A	Auvergne	19	31
	76 B	Auvergne	24	42
	77	Wise Creek	24	38
	78 A	Grassy Creek	29	48
	78 B	Grassy Creek	22	34
	78 C	Grassy Creek	25	47
	105	Glenbain	30	42
	106	Whiska Creek	14	27
	108	Bone Creek	34	64
3BN	135	Lawtonia	25	42
	136	Coulee	37	67
	137	Swift Current	16	38
	165	Morse	38	41
	166	Excelsior	18	48
	167	Sask. Landing	27	59
	225	Canaan	48	57
	226	Victory	73	92
	228 A	Lacadena	43	77
	228 B	Lacadena	17	46
	255	Coteau	27	57
	256	King George	59	77
	257	Monet	47	82
4A	19	Frontier	26	46
	49 B	White Valley	11	60
	51	Reno	13	32
	79	Arlington	20	38
	109 A	Carmichael	13	81
	109 B	Carmichael	18	70
	110	Piapot	8	78
	111 A	Maple Creek	10	50
	111 B	Maple Creek	10	88
4B	139	Gull Lake	27	70
	141	Big Stick	10	76
	142	Enterprise	12	63
	169	Pittville	19	47
	171	Fox Valley	10	63
	229	Miry Creek	15	45
	231	Happyland	9	46
	232	Deer Forks	11	52
5A	152	Spy Hill	16	24
	181	Langenburg	17	24
	183	Fertile Belt	37	42
	184 A	Grayson	56	58
	184 C	Grayson	34	43
	185	Mcleod	69	88
	186	Abernethy	66	71
	187	North Qu'appelle	43	47
	211	Churchbridge	30	32
	214	Cana	55	67
	241	Calder	41	47
	243	Wallace	49	59
	245 A	Garry	61	74
	245 B	Garry	21	37
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	82	87
	247	Kellross	82	90
	248	Touchwood	52	69
5B	271	Cote	54	65
	276	Foam Lake	79	87
	277	Emerald	13	20
	303	Keys	38	46
	304	Buchanan	45	56
	307	Elfros	60	77
	308	Big Quill	71	78
	335	Hazel Dell	47	65
	336	Sasman	47	56
	337	Lakeview	32	48
	338	Lakeside	37	50
	366 A	Kelvington	26	44
	366 B	Kelvington	19	45
	367	Ponass Lake	33	52
	368	Spalding	33	37
6A	189	Lumsden	31	43
	190 A	Dufferin	22	35
	190 B	Dufferin	32	33
	190 C	Dufferin	25	38
	219 B	Longlaketon	35	37
	219 C	Longlaketon	46	50
	220	Mckillop	41	44
	221	Sarnia	44	55
	222	Craik	56	71
	251	Big Arm	54	57
	252	Arm River	51	57
	279 A	Mount Hope	44	53
	279 B	Mount Hope	57	65
	280	Wreford	52	52
	281	Wood Creek	41	41
	282	Mccraney	65	82
	309	Prairie Rose	67	73
	310	Usborne	64	64
	312	Morris	39	51
	313	Lost River	16	23
	339 A	Leroy	49	51
	339 B	Leroy	44	55
	340 A	Wolverine	38	45
	340 B	Wolverine	38	41
	341	Viscount	37	38
	343	Blucher	24	29
6B	254	Loreburn	51	68
	283	Rosedale	71	92
	284	Rudy	58	78
	285	Fertile Valley	53	70
	286	Milden	42	55
	314	Dundurn	66	85
	316	Harris	42	61
	344	Corman Park	20	44
	345	Vanscoy	38	53
	346	Perdue	33	73
	376 A	Eagle Creek	23	76
	376 B	Eagle Creek	33	78
	404	Laird	22	43
7A	259	Snipe Lake	13	57
	260	Newcombe	12	35
	287	St. Andrews	49	85
	288	Pleasant Valley	49	107
	290	Kindersley	22	45
	292	Milton	18	55
	317 B	Marriott	46	99
	317 C	Marriott	38	73
	318 A	Mountain View	42	70
	318 B	Mountain View	45	84
	319	Winslow	38	59
	321	Prairiedale	21	70
	322	Antelope Park	16	36
7B	347 A	Biggar	40	70
	347 B	Biggar	48	90
	350 A	Mariposa	58	74
	350 B	Mariposa	38	60
	351	Progress	33	67
	352	Heart's Hill	25	75
	377 A	Glenside	32	83
	377 B	Glenside	35	76
	378 A	Rosemount	43	80
	378 B	Rosemount	41	77
	379	Reford	50	84
	380 A	Tramping Lake	38	55
	380 B	Tramping Lake	43	82
	382	Eye Hill	41	100
	409	Buffalo	40	71
	410	Round Valley	38	81
	411	Senlac	22	57
8A	395	Porcupine	24	38
	397	Barrier Valley	27	54
	398	Pleasantdale	36	73
	428	Star City	24	40
	456	Arborfield	7	22
	457 A	Connaught	18	40
	457 B	Connaught	19	23
	458	Willow Creek	32	49
	486	Moose Range	8	21
	487	Nipawin	17	31
8B	369	St. Peter	27	37
	370	Humboldt	29	38
	371	Bayne	37	43
	372	Grant	23	33
	373	Aberdeen	21	32
	400	Three Lakes	40	40
	401	Hoodoo	40	43
	402	Fish Creek	28	36
	429 A	Flett's Springs	30	81
	429 B	Flett's Springs	33	46
	430	Invergordon	33	41
	431 A	St. Louis	43	47
	459	Kinistino	40	61
9AE	461	Prince Albert	40	50
	488	Torch River	19	28
9AW	406	Mayfield	32	70
	435	Redberry	24	52
	436	Douglas	34	69
	463	Duck Lake	51	54
	464	Leask	46	64
	466	Meeting Lake	35	75
	467	Round Hill	40	81
	493	Shellbrook	38	42
	494	Canwood	19	47
	496	Spiritwood	22	55
	497	Medstead	29	58
	555	Big River	32	88
9B	438 A	Battle River	45	89
	438 B	Battle River	44	77
	440	Hillsdale	31	75
	468 A	Meota	48	88
	470	Paynton	37	88
	472	Wilton	52	100
	498 A	Parkdale	31	55
	498 B	Parkdale	31	64
	499	Mervin	44	131
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	44	101
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	35	102
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	52	66
	502	Britannia	44	80
	588 A	Meadow Lake	21	58
	588 B	Meadow Lake	42	94
	588 C	Meadow Lake	39	103
	588 D	Meadow Lake	32	75
	622	Beaver River	50	71

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Crop Districts
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Rural Municipalities